(d) if so, the reasons for overruling the decision of the old authority;

(e) whether it is a fact that all 08 (eight) Assistants recruited directly from the open market are the kins of serving employees of the TRAI; and

(f) if so, the details of these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Officers and Staff Appointment) Regulation, 2001 was notified on 15th February, 2001.

(b) As per Schedule-II of the Regulation, the qualification and experience for Direct Recruitment for the post of Assistant is a graduate degree from a recognized University/Institution.

(c) No, Sir. Appointment of none of the Assistants recruited through open advertisement was rejected by higher authorities.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) and (f) Of the 8 Assistants appointed by TRAI, 3 are related to the serving employees of TRAI.

Interest on deposit in Post Office

†1467. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no interest is given on the amount exceeding prescribed limit deposited in the savings account of a Post Office whereas there is no limit on the maximum amount for depositing in savings account of Banks;

(b) if so, the comparative details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any measures/given suggestions to remove such anomalies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether Government have received any complaints in this regard; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Opening of Post Offices in Pitampura and Vikaspuri

1468. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a number of representations since the last ten years to open a Post Office in West Enclave, Pitampura and in Vikaspuri to cater to the needs of more than twenty Central Government Housing Societies of the area;

(b) the action taken in the matter; and

(c) the action proposed to provide Post Office facilities to the people of these areas who are facing great difficulties to save in R.Ds. and saving accounts etc., in absence of Post Office within a kilometre area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for opening a Post Office in West Enclave, Pitampura was approved on 31.10.96 but the Post Office could not be opened due to non-availability of suitable accommodation in the area, in spite of personal contacts with the Residents, Welfare Association, property dealers and floating of tenders by the department.

A double handed Sub Post Office is already functioning in Vikaspuri since 1.9.1980. Delivery is being effected by Tilak Nagar and Janakpuri Post Offices. Another single handed Sub Post Office was approved and opened with effect from 30.3.2000. It was physically made functional at AG-I Block Vikaspuri in the premises of Vikaspuri Post Office building as a temporary measure with the intention to shift it to its proper location, as suitable accommodation for housing this Post Office could not be obtained